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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe, I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter, which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

APPARATUS CONNECTABLE TO A COMPUTER NETWORK FOR CIRCUIT DESIGN VERIFICATION, COMPUTER IMPLEMENTED METHOD FOR CIRCUIT DESIGN VERIFICATION, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR CONTROLLING A COMPUTER SYSTEM SO AS TO VERIFY CIRCUIT DESIGNS

| the spe | he specification of which (check only one item below): |   |  |  |  |
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|         |  | is attached hereto.   |  |  |  |
|         | <u>X</u>   | as filed as United States Application Serial No. 10/773,702 on February 6, 2004 |  |  |  |

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

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| Japan                             | P2003-029696           | February 6, 2003       | Yes                             |

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